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Sawing up a Storm



The sawdust was flying on Minden's main street on Saturday when the village hosted the annual Timbersport competition. This year, the event attracted 80 participants, including this "lumberjill" com-

peting in the crosscut saw category. For more photos and story, see pages 10 and 11.

Bear kits as bad as the bears, reeve says

DIANA ZLOMISLIC

Staff Reporter

Nuisance bear kits are more of a liability than a solution to problem bears, says Dysart et al reeve Murray Fearrey, adding he's averse to bringing such kits into this municipality.

"I think we'd be luring people into a false sense of security," Fearrey said. "I would be reluctant to bring in that kind of a set up."

The set-up, distributed by the Schad Foundation and International Fund for Animal Welfare, consists of a combination of pepper spray, rubber bullets, paint pellets and pyrotechnics. Any or all mechanisms can be used to instill a fear of humans into bears.

Fearrey's skeptical of the kit's effectiveness.

"You and I both know that's not the real world," Fearrey tells an Echo reporter. "You can't carry two or three things and then be expected to yell at the bear. And I don't think you need to get yourself in the position where you're 15 feet away

from a bear using pepper spray."

Loud shots will temporarily deafen the bear and the pepper spray causes the animal to temporarily lose its sense of smell and can blind it for up to 45 minutes.

Local hunter and conservationist, Paul Robinson of Ingoldsby, wonders how humane this tactic really is.

"What happens when he (the bear) steps out onto a highway (after he's been sprayed or shot

See **Schad Foundation** page 6

STANDING ROOM ONLY:

★ Gala's evening performances are sold out, and arrival of Maureen Forrester should see Sunday's remaining tickets quickly snatched up

MARTHA PERKINS

Editor

The Northern Lights Performing Arts Pavilion may be the Highland's first proper theatre, but this week's opening can boast another first as well.

It's very likely that by the end

of this week, all four gala performances will be sold out.

With 220 seats to fill on Thursday, Friday and Saturday nights, plus Sunday's matinee, that's a testament to the excitement that's building about the Northern Lights Overture.

All the night shows are sold out (except for one ticket on

Saturday) and there are about 40 left for Sunday afternoon.

Few other shows in the Highlands' history can boast of such an achievement.

Those Sunday afternoon tickets may go quickly, however, when music fans find out the

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Strawberry shortcake anyone? The timing is ripe

HUMANS MIGHT BE DIVIDED about whether to embrace the heat we've been experiencing, but strawberries are unequivocally in favour of all the sunshine. The strawberry season is now upon us, local grower Godfrey Tyler advises all those people who can't wait to make their 1999 batch of jam or, mmmmm, strawberry shortcake. The Tylers' berries in Donald are ripe for the picking (except on Sunday we discovered when we arrived with our empty baskets.) When we called Dunloe Farms near West Guilford, they said their berries should be ready by this weekend. If you have a favourite picking place, perhaps you should phone soon to get a crop report.

Writer and broadcaster David Cayley will be speaking in Lindsay on Thursday, June 17

from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. at Queen Street United Church. His talk, "Imprisonment on Trial, has been organized by the John Howard Society of Victoria-Haliburton and the Lindsay and Area Restorative Justice Group. Cayley is a CBC writer and broadcaster who presented a 10-part series on Ideas called Prison and Its Alternatives. These programs, and later a book called The Expanding Prison, examined the startling increase in the number of people imprisoned in Western countries since 1980 and looked into possible alternatives. His talk in Lindsay will ask whether the institution of imprisonment justifies society's increasing reliance on it. Admission is free, refreshments will be served and all are welcome. For more information contact Paula Osmok of the John Howard Society at 705-328-0472.

The Haliburton, Northumberland and Victoria Long-Term Care Access Centre has awarded contracts for therapy services to Five Counties Children's Centre for all school services, and Therapacc Inc. for all non-school services. These contracts represent \$1,289,020 and will be effective from July 1 to June 30, 2001.

Muskoka architect Stewart Smith, who did the renovations to HHSS, the new theatre and Stuart Baker Elementary School, has been appointed a commissioner of the Ontario Building Code Commission by Al Leach, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing. Smith has served three years as a commissioner in the 1980s, has conducted his own practice for 36 years and is a past

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president of the Ontario Association of Architects. The Commission's function is to act as a quasi-judicial court to resolve differing interpretations of the building code.

Sir Sandford Fleming College has recently elected four new board executive members, including Eagle Lake resident, John Middleton, who was elected to the position of chair of the student advisory committee. Middleton was first appointed to the board in 1996 and has been a Haliburton resident for over 30 years.

Meanwhile, Fleming students had a 96 per cent overall employment rate this year, with 65 per cent of graduates securing job in their program of studies, which was up from 58 per cent in 1996-97. The average annual salary earned by graduates was surveyed to be \$27 000, up from \$24 000 in 1996-97 survey.

The Kawartha Youth Arts Council, a forum designed to help young people express themselves artistically, will be holding a rally to kick-off their organization and make people aware of their cause. The council will be made up of youths aged 14-26 and will provide feedback, ideas, etc. The rally is Thursday, June 17th at 7:00 and will be hosted by the Academy Theatre in Lindsay. Any youths 14-26 with any artistic interests is invited to come and celebrate.

The 4th Line Theatre of Millbrook, now in its eighth season of bringing historical drama to the stage, will be presenting two new plays this season: The Devil and Joseph Scriven, which deals with the mysterious death of local holy man Joseph Scriven, who wrote the word famous hymn What a Friend We Have in Jesus and Fair Play, which re-creates the sights and sounds of an old time country fare. both plays are staged in the outdoors. Tickets can be ordered by calling the 4th Line Box office at 1-800-814-0055 or (705) 876-6323.

Reservoir lake levels are now above the 1998 averages at the same time

The Haliburton lakes rose nicely with the recent precipitation reaching 89.5% on Monday, June 7. This was a welcome rise and brought 1999 average levels up above 1998 for that date by about 1.6%.

The Kawarthas rose to peak at 110% on June 3. This has been reduced to about 104% of summer level by June 8. Too much surplus threatens shorelines and safe boating, so this has been reduced since last week.

Flow reductions are underway to hold the lakes along the canal route near their seasonal normals.

Lake Simcoe-Couchiching also showed signs of small recovery being up about 5 centimetres and now only about 15 centimetres below full level.

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County dumps?

□ Reeves discuss the possibility of establishing a county-wide landfill system

DIANA ZLOMISLIC

Staff Reporter

Municipal reeves know they want landfill sites which can be used by residents and cottages from across the county.

They're also pretty sure that they don't want to hire any more consultants on the issue.

But when, where and how these dumps will happen

remains unresolved after a steering committee on waste management was held at the county office in Minden last Wednesday.

"I think it behooves us to do something," said Stanhope reeve Eleanor Harrison, "to make a start in the right direction."

For Harrison, and the majority of other reeves, that direction is a superdump.

"We're going to have to find three major dumps in this county," said Snowdon reeve Ross Rigney, "and they're going to have to be county-wide."

"To me," Rigney said, "I think it's out of balance," referring to the present operational state of dumps around the county.

"Some need to be closed, some are in very good shape and some are in between."

Rigney then raised the touchy issue of hiring consultants: "Are we prepared as a county to spend some money to see whether or not changing to an upper tier landfill site program is the right thing to do?"

Harrison's sentiments reflected the general consensus that evening.

While she supports county-wide management, she's unwill-

ing to support any more consultants, and would rather the municipalities try and figure out lifespans of present and future dumps on their own.

"You don't have to be a rocket scientist to figure out that the Ministry of Environment doesn't want to deal with 10 municipalities in one county," added Lutterworth reeve Jim McMahon. "They want to deal with one body."

Municipalities are also facing pressure from environmentalists and lake associations to clean up their waste management systems. The count-

down is on in Glamorgan where reeve Elva Bates knows a solution is needed, and

fast. Her municipality's dump is set to close in two years.

Before that, Glamorgan will have to prepare a new design and operation plan since the one they have expires at the end of July, 2001.

"When you're looking at a landfill site to service the whole county," Bates said, "you have to look at a different set of criteria than you would if it was just for a municipality."

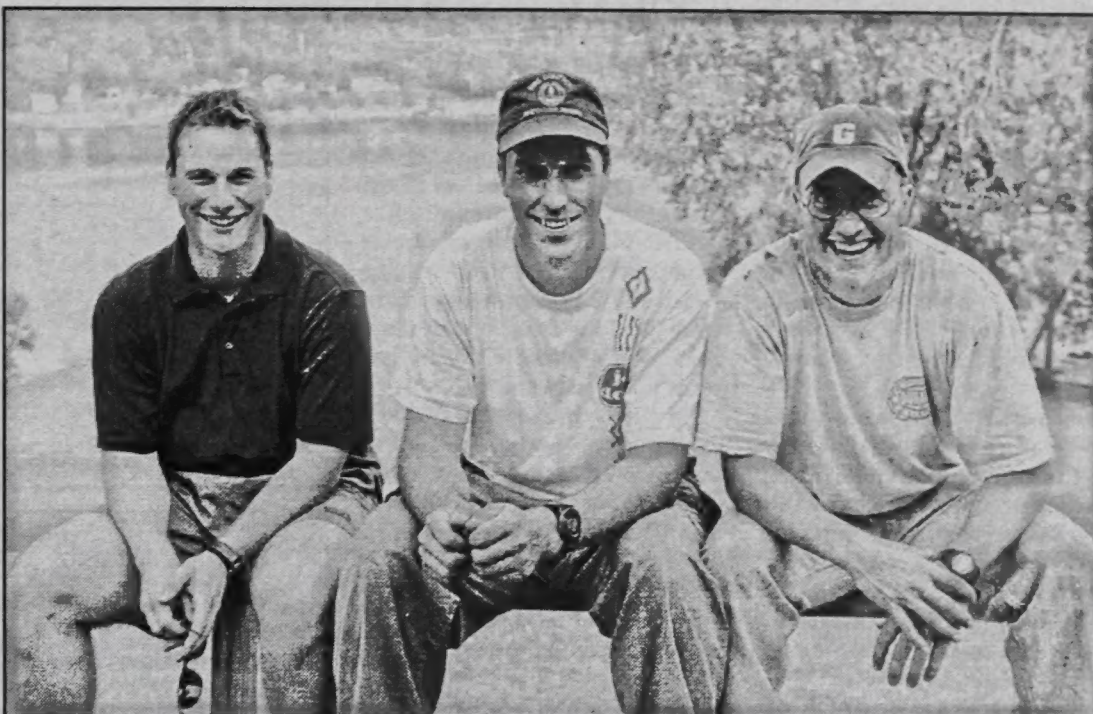
Two sites have been proposed in undisclosed areas, but it is not certain yet whether or not they meet the criteria.

The meeting concluded with an agreement that proposals, plans and criteria will be discussed at a future meeting, attended by A.J. Robinson.

Eight years ago, Robinson's firm prepared a master plan for waste management in the county. The reeves hope Robinson can reevaluate the present situation and offer input.

We're going to have to find three major dumps in this county

ROSS RIGNEY, SNOWDON



GLAD TO BE ALIVE:

These three Ministry of Natural Resources firefighters feel lucky they survived the crash of their helicopter into a lake in Alberta. Chad Burden, Brent Flood and Scott Whittaker are all from Haliburton and were preparing to cut a helicopter landing pad out of the thick forest.

Helicopter crash plunges firefighters into Alberta lake

PETER DOWNS

Staff Reporter

Four Haliburton men battling a forest fire out west had the fright of their lives earlier this month when the helicopter they were flying in clipped a tree and crashed into a remote lake.

Brent Flood, Jim Watson, Scott Whittaker and Chad Burden — firefighters with the Ministry of Natural Resources' Haliburton base — were able to clamber out of the mangled chopper without injury and swim to safety.

The helicopter's pilot, an Edmonton native, also escaped uninjured.

Fortunately for the five men, the helicopter landed in water that was only about five feet deep.

But as the chopper flipped on its side and began to sink,

none of its occupants had any idea the water was so shallow.

"It was pretty scary for a while," Whittaker recalled Friday from the safety of the Haliburton base. "... It started to fill up with water so you wouldn't want to wait to see how much it would fill with."

The firefighters were part of a much larger group trying to extinguish a 4,000-hectare fire raging near Conklin, Alberta, on the border of Saskatchewan.

On the morning of the crash, June 1, the four firefighters and their pilot were preparing to fly to a nearby location to cut another helicopter landing pad out of the thick forest.

As the pilot lifted off and began to swoop away, the helicopter's main rotor hit a branch, drawing the machine into the tree. It plummeted from about 60 feet into the lake.

"It didn't take very long," said Flood. "It was about a minute and a half from the time we went up to the time we crashed."

The rotor, which was still spinning, snapped off one side when it hit the water. When the chopper rolled, the other side of the rotor snapped, as well.

That's when the pilot and the firefighters made their escape — all, except for Burden, who had already gotten out of the helicopter as the blade was spinning.

Despite their ordeal, the five men had to get inside another helicopter soon after to fly out of the fire camp to go to another base for medical examinations. From there they drove to Edmonton and took a commercial flight back home.

The firefighters are waiting for their next assignments, and their next helicopter trip.

IT'S A START:

Traffic snarl-ups were common last week as paving began on a long stretch of Cty Rd 121 from the area of Peninsula Drive to Haliburton village's main street. The first layer was done by the weekend. Paving is expected to be completed by July 1, which will make many drivers happy.



Hodgson touted as possible minister of education or finance

Premier Mike Harris will be appointing a new cabinet on Thursday, leading to lots of speculation about Chris Hodgson's new role.

Both the *Toronto Star* and *Globe and Mail* are touting him as a choice for Minister of Education and the *Globe* also wonders if he'll be appointed to head the finance ministry.

In an article last Wednesday, the *Globe's* Richard Mackie writes that "the fate of Mr. Hodgson, who is considered a possible successor to Mr. Harris,

could depend on whether Ernie Eves decides to remain as Finance Minister. He is keeping his own counsel but some Tories suggest he would like to finish his political career as Minister for Economic Development, Trade and Tourism. Mr. Hodgson would be a prime candidate to replace Mr. Eves."

Hodgson, who has been the MPP for this riding since 1994, is at present Minister of Northern Development and Mines and Chair of the Management Board.

Home Show '99:

■ With new emphasis on something for the entire family, Haliburton Curling Club's annual show attracts more people

MARTHA PERKINS

Editor

With the addition of games both inside and outside the Dysart community centre, the Haliburton Home Show is becoming more of a family affair.

An outside play area was a new feature of this year's show, and organizer Wayne Hussey also appreciated the CHACE play station inside the arena.

For women, who might not be interested in the latest in siding or plumbing, there was also an expanded craft and decorating area.

He was also pleased with the Haliburton Highlands Outdoors Association's booth about the fish hatchery program, as well as the entertainment in the beer tent.

"Overall, we're very happy," says Wayne Hussey, who organizes the three-day event on behalf of the Haliburton Curling Club.

Attendance was up by about 400 people, thanks to the

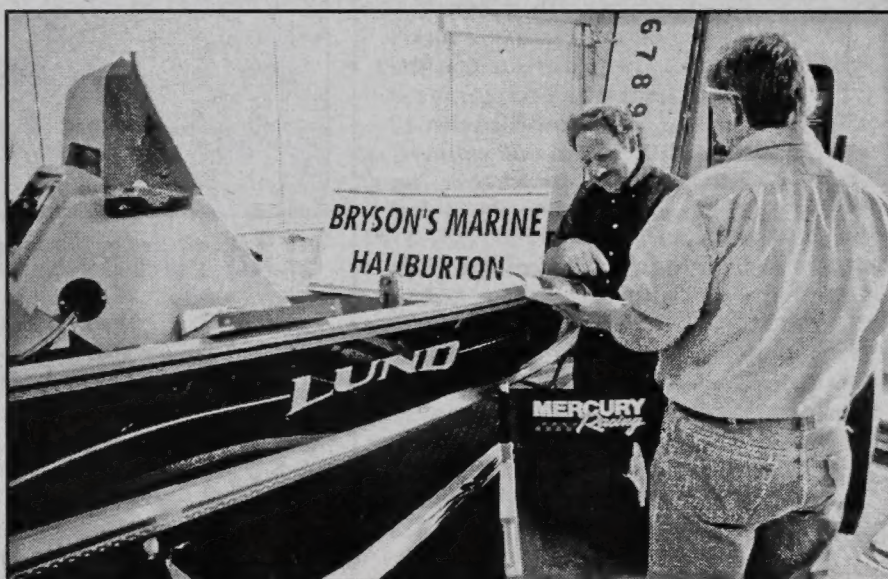
absence of last year's wind storm. The beautiful weather, however, did mean that Saturday afternoon was slower than usual.

Hussey says many visitors were "looking for specific things because they know they'll get some good answers."

Having more than 125 exhibitors all under one roof is the main advantage for visitors to the show. "To go there and find that most businesses are in one area is a real plus."

For exhibitors, Hussey says "the main value of the show is to give everyone the opportunity to meet people in the community. If I was a contractor or mason in the county, it's an ideal time to meet potential customers."

Given that some home shows haven't fared well recently - Bobcaygeon cancelled its show this year - Hussey is really proud of the Haliburton Home Show's continued success. He also promises to have an even bigger and better show to start off the new millennium.



Photos by
**PETER
DOWNS**



SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE:

Attendance was up by about 400 people at the Haliburton Home Show on June 4, 5 and 6, thanks in part to a wider selection of participating business. At top, Wayne de Jong, owner of Newbatt's Appliances discusses the various options with a visiting couple. Above, Mike Bryson of Bryson's Marine outlines all the features of this Lund boat. At left, a family drops by the V & S booth to see what specials Clay Glecoff had to offer. New features this year included indoor and outdoor games areas for children and live entertainment at the beer tent.



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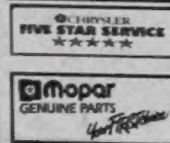
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County may get its own OPP detachment

PETER DOWNS

Staff Reporter

Haliburton County is very close to getting its own stand-alone OPP detachment with a guaranteed minimum number of staff.

Provided municipal councils approve the plan, the re-aligned Haliburton Highlands OPP Detachment would begin policing the county as of July 1.

The detachment would operate from the existing OPP office in Minden and would serve all of the county's municipalities, except Bicroft and Cardiff, which would continue to be covered by the Bancroft OPP.

Northern Victoria County, currently served by the combined Minden/Coboconk detachment's office in

Coboconk, would no longer fall within the new detachment's catchment area, once the boundaries are re-drawn.

"It gives us our own police force," County Warden Elva Bates said Friday. "It gives us more control in Haliburton County because we're disentangled from Victoria County. We thought it was the best way to go for our people."

In March, county council demanded a stand-alone detachment with a minimum of one staff sergeant, four sergeants, 24 constables and two clerical support workers.

OPP officials have agreed to provide all of the staff requested, but it will cost municipalities more to get the number of constables they want.

The OPP has estimated the

stand-alone detachment will cost approximately \$1.67-million for 1999, based on a complement of 22 constables. The actual cost will be determined by the number of calls over the course of the year.

If municipalities want an additional two constables, they'll have to chip in another \$150,000, said Bates.

However, it's possible they may be able to qualify for provincial funding to cover half the cost of the two additional positions, she said.

Under the proposed arrangement, the county wouldn't sign a contract with the police force and, therefore, wouldn't get to assemble a police services commission.

Much like the board that oversees healthcare in the

Highlands, the commission would help guide policing in the county.

The OPP did offer the county the option of signing a contract, but the cost of the package would climb by about \$500,000. There would also be additional costs to pay those who sit on the police services commission.

However, some municipal councillors are worried the county will give up its voice on police matters by opting out of a contract and the chance to strike a police services commission.

Minden council supported the proposal Thursday, but not before councillors Daryl Moore and Sinc Nesbitt voiced strong concerns about bypassing the commission.

"I can't understand how without a contract you're going to be able to guarantee anything, like how many officers you're going to have," Moore said.

Deputy-reeve Jerry Rome said the county's Community Police Advisory Council, which enables municipalities to communicate concerns with the OPP detachment, would continue to operate.

But Moore argued the committee has "no real voice" because it doesn't have the decision-making powers of a commission.

Reeve Jeanne Anthon countered that the committee will

take on a larger role than it has played to date and will become a "voice of authority."

"I have a little faith, not a lot, that this committee will have an impact," she said.

Warden Bates maintained the committee will be effective.

"I don't want to disagree with Minden council, but a police services board would have a maximum of five members so not all municipalities would be represented. Our CPAC committee has one member from each municipality."

The only way to resolve problems regarding inadequate numbers of police officers in the county is to support a stand-alone detachment, said Rome.

"Our people in our community have complained over I don't know how many years over lack of police presence. They've complained bitterly at the county. I think we've got an opportunity to change that and I think if we don't we're going to be held accountable."

Bates said she isn't aware of a council that hasn't supported the stand-alone detachment proposal. Only a couple of eight that would be served by it still have to vote on the issue.

Under a contract, policing would be paid for by the county, while municipalities will split the bill in the proposed status-quo deal.

Maureen Forrester to open Sunday's gala

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dignitary opening the show is none other than Maureen Forrester.

Why is Canada's most famous contralto coming to Haliburton?

Once again, we have the director of the gala, Barrie Wood, and his wife Lorelyn Morgan, the gala's musical director, to thank for making the Northern Lights Overture even more special than anticipated.

A few years ago, Wood wrote a show with their friend David Warrack, a composer and musician who has also worked extensively with Forrester. In

fact, he wrote the songs for Forrester's one-woman performance which features songs from the classical repertoire in the first half and Warrack's songs about her career in the second.

On Wood's behest, Warrack has done the orchestration for the Northern Lights Orchestra, which will be performing in the gala. Wood then mentioned to Warrack that the organizers were searching for dignitaries to officially open each show. Would Warrack and Forrester be interested?

"We were as surprised as anyone when they said yes," says a

delighted Lorelyn Morgan.

Warrack and Forrester will be picked up by limousine on Sunday afternoon and driven to the theatre, arriving with suitable fanfare at about 1:30 p.m.

Anyone who is interested in getting some of those few remaining Sunday tickets is advised to phone Heather Scully at 457-2983 as soon as possible.

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School dumpsters prove irresistible to bears

MARTHA PERKINS

Editor

Staff at J. Douglas Hodgson Elementary School found a simple way of dealing with its nuisance bear problem.

They simply started locking up the outdoor garbage dumpster.

Bears haven't been seen around the Haliburton school since.

Early last week, a mother bear and two cubs were spotted at the dumpster. Unlike the bears

three years ago, however, these bears did not go onto the school playground.

Principal McKay Brydon phoned the Ministry of Natural Resources, which told him that JDHES was along the route to the Haliburton dump, a popular destination for bears.

Not only does JDHES have an outdoor dumpster, but there's also one at Stuart Baker Elementary School and the high school, also on the route to the dump.

The MNR said if the bears found the dumpsters locked,

they'd keep on going to the dump, and that appears to be the case.

There have been several other bear sightings throughout the county. In the Haliburton area, most sightings seem to have been along the south shore of Lake Kashagawigamog.

While hunters speculate whether the cancellation of the spring bear hunt is the cause for this, the Ministry of Natural Resources says responsibility likely rests with the weather.

"When you look at the weather pattern, we're three to four

weeks ahead of schedule," says Peter Waring, MNR area supervisor. This has bumped up the usual timing of bear sightings. Added to that was a dry spring, which dried up some of the bears' food sources.

Whether the lack of the bear hunt is a contributing factor, "we really don't know," Waring says. In 1997, when there was a spring bear hunt, there were also a lot of nuisance bears.

Whatever the cause, Waring says the MNR can't keep up with the number of requests for live traps. Legislation is being

considered to provide the MNR with more options, such as contracting out bear catching to private individuals. Municipalities will likely also be approached.

To prevent the problem from occurring, Waring says people should "bear proof" their property. If you have garbage in outdoor containers, double bag it or place bleach nearby, anything to mask the delicious smell (to bears at least) of rotting waste.

"Bears have great noses. They'll sniff garbage out if it's there," he says.



The Toronto Dominion bank recently sponsored two of the \$750 seats for the Northern Lights Performing Arts Pavilion, which opens this Thursday. Making the presentation to committee member David Gray is Joanne Camelon, bank manager.

Schad Foundation says nuisance bear kits based on successful program in California

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at) — his senses are dulled and then he gets hit by a car and people in the car are killed."

In defense of the kits, Rob Sinclair at IFAW, says he's never heard of an instance of them not being effective.

David Cotter, Schad's tourism program co-ordinator, adds that the kits are very much part of the real world, having been used in Mammoth Lakes, CA, for the last three years.

In that part of California, Cotter said they used to kill at least 30 nuisance bears per year. In the last three years, he says they haven't killed a single bear.

Fearrey's primary concern, however, is liability. The issue for the reeve rests less with the bear's well-being than with his

own townspeople.

"I don't want to put anyone at risk and I wouldn't want to be liable if something happened," Fearrey says.

When questioned on the subject of liability, Sinclair says the kits are not meant to be handed out "willy-nilly" to anybody.

"This is not designed for a casual encounter, for a hiker," says Sinclair. "It's appropriate only to individuals who have that kind of training, and insurance."

Meanwhile, as the rules and regulations surrounding the use of these kits, so do the bear sightings.

"I am getting people reporting all kinds of sightings on South Kashagawigamog Road," Fearrey says. "They're (bears)

coming into town and they're not scared. We've got six or seven out here now and usually they wouldn't come around 'till later."

Short of killing the problem bears, Sinclair says people should try and prevent them from entering populated areas in the first place by being diligent about garbage storage, and this includes dumpsters.

"Bears who have access to human food reproduce at a faster rate," says Sinclair. "That leads to overpopulation, and a new generation of bears who like Cheetos."

Sinclair encourages municipality to fence dumpsites — another tactic Schad and IFAW say they're willing to fund as part of the nuisance bear project.

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From Haliburton to the Schad Foundation

□ *Eco-tourism graduate must help organization win over his fellow Northern Ontarians*

DIANA ZLOMISLIC

Staff Reporter

After graduating from Sir Sandford Fleming's Eco-Tourism program, Matthew Binks accepted an amazing job opportunity.

But the 27-year-old will have to work extra hard to prove to his fellow Northerners that neither he nor his employer, the Schad Foundation, are the bad guys.

During a class debate last January about the impact of the bear hunt's cancellation, professor Al MacPherson made a prediction in class that Binks still recalls with clarity.

Binks said MacPherson told the class, "Somebody is going to come to you people to ask for solutions for the people up North, affected by the cancellation of the spring bear hunt."

Two months later, in early March, Schad came calling, posting a job opportunity in the program's department.

After classes ended in April, Binks said he entertained a few other job offers but held out in hopes of getting the position with Schad in Toronto.

"I had job offers but I wanted to wait for this one because I thought it would be a good way to get my career started."

Born in Sudbury, Binks said one of the reasons he thinks he

was hired is because he's sensitive to the issues in Northern Ontario.

And it will take a lot of sensitivity on his part to deal with lodge owners who lost out in the banning of the spring bear hunt.

Binks will be helping those who want to be helped re-adjust or develop new business strategies.

Last month, Schad Foundation sent out a news release indicating its intention to carry out three pilot projects across

Northern Ontario. Schad announced it would assist at least three lodge owners or outfitters whose businesses suffered as a result of a bear hunt ban campaign — a campaign financially driven by Toronto philanthropist, Robert Schad.

Binks admits that there's some distrust among Northerners towards Schad, who is blamed for taking away their livelihood. Even the term "eco-tourism" itself emits much skepticism and Binks says he actually prefers to call it "wilderness travel."

"Right now," says Binks,

"Right now there's a lot of caution from Northern Ontarians because the term 'eco-tourism' seems to exclude what they do traditionally. You can't discount things that are already there because it's too important financially."

MATT BINKS

scared. You can't discount things that are already there because it's too important, financially."

The notion that eco-tourism means an eradication of hunting, fishing and snowmobiling is false, Binks says, adding that the foundation paints a broader picture than most would think.

But the picture is still in progress. Most people won't

have a clear idea of what it looks like until the concept of eco-tourism is defined — a task that also falls under Binks' mandate.

It's partly his job to develop a set of guidelines that will determine the scope of eco-tourism, or wilderness travel, throughout Northern Ontario.

The guidelines are important, Binks says, so that people can't take advantage of the term and use it as a marketing tool. Think of the words "light" or "fat-free" on food labels. The term has to represent a standard.

Binks says Schad is still accepting proposals from outfitters who want to be involved.

At the end of June the team hopes to begin researching information about the selected lodge's locales.

"We will also be working with

the communities they're in so it's not going to benefit just a specific lodge but the region as well."

The only criteria for eligible lodges is that they have to have been affected by the spring bear hunt cancellation and they have to want to diversify.

While a budget has not yet been finalized, Binks says the amount of money spent on these pilot projects will be "substantial," depending on how much the lodges need.

Financing can cover renovations, winterizing, purchasing equipment like canoes or mountain bikes, and marketing (promotional materials).

"What we're offering is assistance financially," says Binks. "We're helping with the start-up costs."

At the end of the projects, Binks says the goal is for each lodge to have the ability and knowledge to use the wilderness more effectively and, potentially, year-round.



ECO-WORKER: Last January, when the spring bear hunt was cancelled, Matt Binks' professor at Sir Sandford Fleming College's eco-tourism program predicted that the Schad Foundation, which successfully lobbied against the hunt, would come a-calling. The professor was right — and now Binks is hired by Schad to promote eco-tourism as an alternative to the bear hunt.

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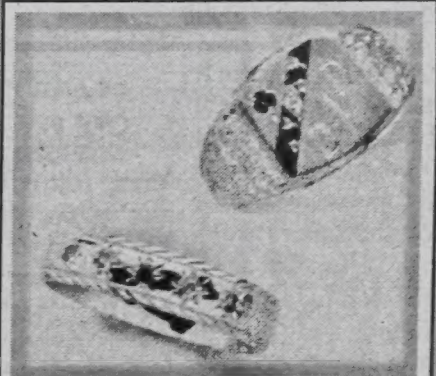
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Pleasantville or Realville

The movie Pleasantville turns on an intriguing premise: A high school student spends his days learning that by the time he's middle aged, the ozone layer protecting the earth will be dangerously thin, some of his friends will have died of AIDS and the death of the Cold War does not mean the nuclear threat has disappeared. Then he arrives home to find his single mother coping with her mid-life crisis by leaving town – and responsibilities – for the weekend. Is it any wonder he finds refuge in watching one of those saccharine sitcoms from the Fifties, where dad arrives with an "I'm home!" and mom responds with a smile and a martini, followed by perfectly cooked meatloaf for dinner?

As can only happen in the movies, the boy and his older sister find themselves transported to Pleasantville, the town which gives the sitcom its name. He loves it. The world may be in black and white, but every basketball thrown into the hoop goes in, it never rains

and everything stays reassuringly the same. His sister, however, finds the atmosphere stifling and she becomes the Che Guevara of the sexual revolution, going so far as explaining to her mother what happens when husbands and wives exchange their single beds for a queen size.

As people become aware of this passionate side of their personality, bad things happen. It rains. The basketball team loses. The fire department is called to its first fire. (Previously its only role was to rescue cats from trees.) Young people learn that an exciting world exists outside of Pleasantville's boundaries.

But to see the world in colour! To chomp into a red apple (get the Biblical reference?), to paint with yellows, greens and purples, to see the blush on a young face and a flower blooming... As their world starts to colour in, people decide this bounty of hues is simply too beautiful to live without, no matter what the social costs.

Perhaps this is too simple an allegory to describe the debate about whether to install condom machines and approve a sexual health clinic at the high school, but in many ways it is apt.

The high school has a very real problem: a significant proportion of the students are sexually active and they're not always making wise choices when it comes to protecting their health and preventing pregnancies. This aspect of student life isn't the high school's responsibility, but since the teachers and administrators have to deal with the repercussions, the school feels obliged to do something about it. So, too, do the doctors in Haliburton, who also find themselves struggling with the consequences. For them, an ounce of prevention – and information – is worth a pound of cure.

However, by allowing the clinic and the condom machines, isn't the high school condoning and even giving its blessing to the teenagers' decision to have sex? Shouldn't the school be concentrating on academics?

Once again, it is unfair to think that the school is to have all the answers to a very complex social issue. Like it or not, the school and local doctors feel obliged to respond to the situation at hand, not the situation they could only wish for. One cannot blame them for taking this responsibility so seriously. In fact, they should be congratulated for trying to do something about a very real problem. Preventing the problem from occurring is society's job, not the high school's.

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Buttercups

by Len Pizze

letters to the editor

Students want sexual health clinic

To the Editor:

Having read the letters which appeared in last week's Echo concerning the birth control clinic and condom machines proposed for HHSS, I think I should offer the perspective of a high school student, one who is just finishing her OAC year at HHSS.

The women who wrote the above-mentioned letters stated that the school should be encouraging abstinence rather than dispensing methods of birth control. I, for one, have never heard anyone in the school running around telling students to "Have sex! Have sex!" Health class teachers teach students about methods of birth control but also try to convince them not to have sex for the wrong reasons, not to have sex until they are ready and, most importantly, until they are in a committed relationship (married or otherwise). "Free love" is not encouraged and the risks of sex (AIDS, pregnancy and STDs) are pounded into our heads.

In many cases, students probably know more about these issues than do most adults. I applaud our school officials for finally recognizing a problem with teenage pregnancies (one would have to be entirely disconnected not to notice the many girls who have been pregnant each year) and for working toward a birth control clinic and condom machines, therefore giving responsibility for safer sex to both girls and guys. Many people at our school have been calling for condom machines for a long

time and I think it's good that school officials are listening.

As for the comment about students who can't buy condoms from their neighbours not being ready for sex, perhaps this is true, but how many adults out there would even want to buy condoms from people they know? Similarly, for the suggestion that teens should talk about their sexual decisions with their parents, I'd like to know how many adults in this community would pick up the phone and call their mothers for a little chat about their sex lives? It isn't going to happen for the reasons that it would be uncomfortable and people want to keep their private lives private.

In a community where everyone knows everyone else's business, people want, and need, their privacy. We should also realize that a lot of kids can't even talk to their parents about homework, so how could they talk about anything else?

Yes, there are a lot of teenagers who are not ready to have sex or handle the responsibilities of it, but that doesn't mean they aren't having sex anyway. If you know something is going to happen, is it not more comforting to know that your teenager can be safer and more prepared?

It's true, sometimes condoms fail and sometimes birth control pills fail, but using them is much safer than using nothing at all. The chances of someone protected contracting a disease are much slimmer than that of someone who is unprotected. Teenagers know that – we've

been told by TV, magazines, and health classes for years. I think it's just time to face the facts; tons of people at high school are having sex, I know because I go to high school and, as I said, everyone knows everyone else's business.

Preaching about abstinence only widens the generation gap. It is up to parents to teach and nurture their children, that much is true, but in encouraging your kids to make the "right choices", at some point, you have to let them make their own choices. Being honest and encouraging them to be safe is the smartest thing to do. Realistically, it's probably the only thing you can do short of locking your son or daughter in his or her room until after the age of 30.

Andrea Hughes,
HHSS student

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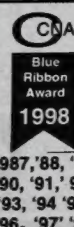
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The smell of greasepaint

THIS IS A VERY SPECIAL week for Haliburton as it brings to our little community something I doubted I would ever see here. I am, of course, speaking about the Northern Lights Performing Arts Pavilion and the Gala which will open it up with pomp and ceremony at the end of this week.



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anecdotes

I got my first glimpse of the theatre this past weekend when I was there with the Children's Choir and believe me, it is very impressive. The seating is sublime, the acoustics are amazing and the technical equipment is top-notch. The performances promise to dazzle both the audience and the performers and it is going to be a night (or a matinee!) for everyone to remember.

This all would never have come to be without the dedication and hard work of so many people, who, at the risk of sounding cheesy, believed in a dream. There was a small core of people who always felt that this community deserved a proper theatre and they were willing to work their tails off to make sure we got it when the opportunity for expansion at the high school opened the door to this possibility.

I am not going to name names because I will surely forget people but they have all worked phenomenally hard and by the end of next week, Haliburton County will see the fruits of their labour. Make sure you read the programme thoroughly so that when you see these people, onstage performers and backstage movers and shakers, you can give them their round of applause and the accolades they so richly deserve.

If you have never performed in the high school gymnasium, you may not realize what a big deal this theatre really is. When I first moved here 16 years ago, I went to see a production of the Highlands Little Theatre, a funny Canadian play called "Nurse Jane Goes to Hawaii".

Having worked in the theatre scene (doesn't that sound artsy!) in Ottawa, I was itching to join up with this crazy group and was welcomed by them all. The repertoire was mostly comedy and the acting was spirited, just like the people performing. It was always fun to get together to rehearse as there would be many laughs if not downright hysteria which usually carried over into the actual performance.

Over the years, people came and went and came back again, as time, family commitments and other responsibilities allowed. The talent pool grew as did the production expertise and plays were always much anticipated but for one small problem - the performance venue.

We would rehearse anywhere we could find space, moving into the high school the week before the play's run. It was always such a struggle to find a janitor to open the school and let us in for the time allotted and for which we had paid. Scheduling for the high school staff and the play director was a nightmare and invariably there would be a dance or school function and we would be bumped a few times before a date was settled upon. Although not often, there were times when props, sets and equipment had been tampered with and had to be replaced, repaired and recycled, many times with only moments to spare. Inevitably, this led to hard feelings between the school and the theatre group and diplomacy was often called into play when things got really bad.

Then there was also the seating arrangement of those lovely wooden chairs for which you could rent a thin cushion for 50¢. Like that made a big difference! The seats had to be put away under the stage after each performance so the gym could be used the next day. But still, we struggled on just for a chance to perform. Ahhh those were the days.

The Highlands Little Theatre, as well as any number of wonderful performers, will now be able to do what they do best in an atmosphere that will enhance their performances and delight their audiences.

It will be such a treat to attend the Gala Opening and I must say, I am very excited for my children as they prepare for their first taste of life on the stage. I thought I might be more wistful that I myself am not participating, but for now, I am content to watch, enjoy and beam with pride for my kids and everyone else who has worked so hard for this week.

Bravo, Bravissimo to the Northern Lights Pavilion for the Performing Arts and those who made it happen. To you all, a thundering standing ovation, roses strewn all over your stage, one heck of a cast party and a good night's sleep once the theatre goes dark when it is done.



George "Bud" Thayer Retires: After forty-one years of teaching, Bud Thayer and his son Kirk inspect a canoe which was a gift from family, friends and former students presented at Deer Lodge on June 10, 1972. In January 1945, Bud returned to his home town and became principal of Haliburton Continuation School. In 1953, with the opening of the new H.H.S.S., Bud became a science and math teacher and completed his career there in 1972 which is a long way from 1931 when he started teaching at Dwight, Ontario in a one-room school. Our thanks to Tom Hodgson of Haliburton Lake for sharing the text and photo with us.

pic of the past

The brand new bathing suit

IT HAD BEGUN WITH A DARE. Sally's girlfriend had dared her to buy one of the new bathing suits and Sally, never one to pass up a dare, had bought it. But now, as she looked at her reflection in the bedroom mirror, she wished she hadn't been so hasty. What might look acceptable, even attractive in a dressing room mirror and what feels comfortable as you step out in front of a crowd - well in Sally's case they were two different swimsuits.

She had always liked to be on the cutting edge of fashion, never afraid to risk something new, perhaps even to shock just a little. Nothing outrageous, of course. Sally was not an exhibitionist and in fact prided herself on being secure enough in her own right that she did not have the exhibitionist's compulsion to prove his or her worth. Still, this suit. There seemed to be a lot of her showing in places she was unaccustomed to showing to anyone but herself.

There were men out there too, not just her girlfriends and that was what made the situation so difficult. Sally cursed herself for not thinking to bring her old suit, just in case. It was in good shape, a pleasant enough colour, still in fashion. Now she had to either walk out into the crowd or change back into her street clothes. If she



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did that, she'd be as conspicuous as a bear at a picnic.

Swallowing hard, Sally lifted her head high and stepped out into the bright sunlight. Luckily, no one was facing her way at the moment but then Gwen saw her and a greeting died in her throat. "Finally Sally! I thought -", she said. Then, recovering quickly, Gwen asked, "Oh. Is that new?" With that, the rest of her friends, turned her way.

In the silence that followed, Sally struggled to find her voice and answer Gwen's question. She wanted a clever remark, something to put herself at ease and show what a confident and sophisticated young woman she was. Unfortunately, her mind was blank. Eventually, she replied to Gwen that yes, this was a new bathing suit, bought last week.

The guys seemed to like Sally's suit, judging by the look on their faces. Tom, her date for the day, suggested they go for a walk along the shore and maybe ease their way into the water. This was to be the first swim of the season and the water was probably still cool, despite the afternoon's heat. Sally felt as though Tom had thrown her a lifeline, giving her a chance to walk away from the gaping eyes of Gwen and one or two others. As she and Tom walked, Sally looked down at her legs, not covered in a skirt, like Gwen's, but with just a light wool covering that revealed her trim figure. She felt quite modern, if a little nervous.

Becky hesitated before stepping out of the cottage and heading for the dock. Her mother knew about the new bathing suit, because she had ordered it for her out of the catalogue. Mom was pretty cool about those kind of things. But dad would not like the suit, Becky knew. As she approached the boat, her father's eyes widened when he caught sight of his daughter. He glanced over at his wife who gave him 'that look' and so he made no comment. "You look nice and cool in your new two piece," she said to Becky, winking mischievously. "Your grandmother would have appreciated that bathing suit."

Boonieville by Charlie Teljeur



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T I M B E R

Now that's stamina:

At left, a competitor works his way through a 10-inch piece of poplar. Above, pole climber Brian Saxon picks his way down after a valiant effort.



Heads up!

Clockwise from right, a lumberjack takes his best shot at the bull's-eye target in the axe throw; another competitor toughs it out in the cross-cut; and Dave Jewett, in the background, only a few notches away from a win in the springboard competition.



S P O R T S

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DIANA ZLOMISLIC
(Lumberjill wannabe)

World champion notches a hat trick as Minden event's overall winner

DIANA ZLOMISLIC

Staff Reporter

Eighty unbelievably strong men and women came to Minden last weekend and left the city's main street in a trail of dust — sawdust, to be specific.

Travelling from as far as New Brunswick, Quebec, Maine, Vermont, New Hampshire and New York, participants started sawing away at the town's seventh annual Timbersport competition on Saturday.

Dave Jewett, world champion from Rochester, New York, drove into Minden Saturday morning at 8:30.

The men's crosscut was the one event that put a small knot in Jewett's lead but the American still managed to place 12 points ahead of the other male competitors — securing his third overall win in Minden.

While Jewett walked away with the men's Jack title and a Stihl 026 saw, valued at \$600, Quebec's Dany Boulanger was not far behind in her score that placed her at the top of the women's category.

Boulanger, a 13-year pro in the sport, trailed only eight



Quebec's Dany Boulanger, above, was the overall women's winner while world champion Dave Jewett of New York, left, garnered his third Minden championship.

points behind Jewett, totalling her score at 20 points. Boulanger's massive lead in the "Jill" events earned her a Stihl FS 36 Trimmer. Both winners also received vests and prize money for each of the events they won.

Fellow Quebecois, Gaston Duperre, a two-time title winner at Timbersport, made more of an impressive appearance this year with his custom-made chainsaw than he did with his scoring.

In the open saw competition, anything goes in terms of equipment. If you can lift it and it cuts, you can compete with it.

Duperre took advantage of his

strength as he heaved a 52 pound chainsaw to his chest — the heart of a CR 250 Honda car, a 1991 engine model. The saw runs at 55 horsepower, rotating 193 spins per second.

The event's chairperson, Ted Anthon, says this was a banner year for Timbersport.

"It's grown every year," says Anthon. "Last year there were 60 competitors and this year 20 more."

Anthon adds that this is not a sport that most will get rich on, especially at Minden's competition.

"Most (competitions) pay more than we do but they (competitors) just love the venue on

the street."

Despite the burning temperature, participants were in full competitive mode.

At the springboard event, New Brunswick's Paul Woodland chopped with an unflagging steadiness, notching his way up the poplar pole, even when the board beneath his feet drooped as though it would give way any second.

"You have to finish your block," he says. "It's just an unwritten rule. I figured, I was going to hit the ground but I've been on the ground before and I knew the grass would break my fall."

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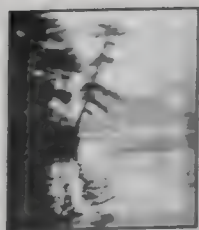
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DIANA ZLOMISLIC

Staff Reporter

With only two weeks of training to their credit, Team T.B.D. navigated their way through Haliburton Forest in a winning time of six hours and 59 minutes

at last Saturday's Adventure Racing competition, sponsored by Subaru.

Twenty teams of three tested their physical and mental strength during the 50km, non-stop endurance event.

The winning team consisted of three friends, all in their early twenties: Bob Miller, of Unionville, and Leanne Mueller and Chris Ordanis, both of Orillia.

"I think we're hooked now," said Ordanis, a newcomer to the sport. "We lucked into a win and now we're hooked."



Only six hours to go:

Adventure racers from across Canada and the US break through the starting gate at Haliburton Forest's base camp Saturday morning. Below, from left, winning team members Chris Ordanis, Leanne Mueller and Bob Miller still in good spirits after racing non-stop for six hours and 59 minutes.

Race co-ordinators and competitors however, would say it takes a little more than luck to win one's way through this game.

Participants had to run, mountain bike, hike and portage through the forest's terrain. Not to mention plotting their way through the forest and finding manned checkpoints along the way.

"We're terrible mountain bikers," said Ordanis, noting that had the team's skills been improved in that area, they would have likely finished at an earlier time.

Miller said keeping close and maintaining a positive team dynamic also contributed to their success. And even though the team did get lost a few times, at least they were lost as a team. And thank God they had Bob, said Ordanis.

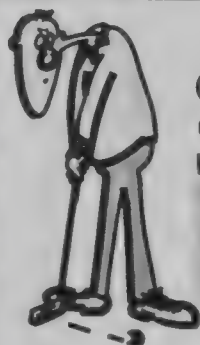
"It was all Bob—Bob had the ideas, the map, the energy."

The Haliburton race kicked off the first in a series of national adventure races that will take place over the summer.



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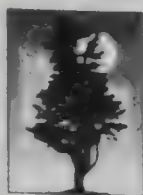
Bob Miller, of Unionville, takes a leisurely ride through some brush after the competition.



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BREAK IN THE ACTION: Students Ken Mott, Caley Sisson, Jordana Bain, Amy Brandon, Stephanie Ratz, Kate Campbell, Meagan Kennedy, Nicole Cooper and coach Paul Morissette pose for a photo by Lorne Campbell at the OFSAA competition in Toronto earlier this month.

HHSS sends record number of track athletes to OFSAA

DIANA ZLOMISLIC

Staff Reporter

Haliburton Highlands Secondary School sent a record number of participants to compete at the Ontario-wide track and field finals at Centennial Stadium in Toronto earlier this month.

"We had more kids at OFSAA this year than any other school in the Kawartha district," says coach Paul Morissette.

Despite Haliburton's solid representation at the three-day event, none of the eight students placed in the top third.

Fortunately, ranking takes small priority with Morissette who is ecstatic that many of his athletes accomplished personal bests in their finishing times.

As usual, Kate Campbell was no exception. In her first year in the senior category, Campbell finished fourth in the 400 metre hurdles, running her best time at 1:04.

Morissette is also optimistic because he knows things will improve in the perfor-

mance department next year.

"All of these kids will be back in the fall," he says. "It's exciting because basically they're all pretty competitive so we're looking at making next year a really promising year."

It helps to keep up with the training throughout the summer which most of the athletes will be doing by participating in various track and field meets sponsored by the Haliburton Legion.

"Our goal next year," Morissette says, "is to have 10 or more kids competing."

Morissette says fall's training season will focus on improving times and distances, not necessarily on winning golds.

The eight students who represented HHSS at OFSAA this year are: Kenny Mott and Nicole Cooper, in the discus; Shane Lowes and Caley Sisson, in the pole vault; Jordana Bain in the 300- and 80 metre hurdles and relay; Amy Brandon and Meagan Kennedy in the relay; and Kate Campbell in the 400 metre hurdles and relay.



TRACK AND FIELD CHAMPIONS:

These young elementary school students are the overall winners of the Haliburton Legion's track and field meet at HHSS on May 29. Making the presentation are Legionnaires Tony Thatcher, Ethel Galvin and Del Galvin. From left, front row: Sarah Alexander, Dorset, tyke finalist; Bobby Joe Lewis, Cardiff, Atom finalist; Ashley Schollig, ASES, champion tyke; Jordan McCall, Cardiff, champion tyke; Todd Galway, Cardiff, champion; and Natalia Rico, JDHES, champion atom. Middle row: Tim Pettit, Gooderham, champion bantam; Courtney Matyssek, ASES, champion; Erica Fearrey, JDHES, midget finalist; and Nicole Manary, Wilberforce, bantam champion. Back row: Dylan Powers, ASES, midget finalist and Josh Wales, ASES, midget champion.

Hockey team seeks players for European tour

The Heartbreakers, an adult hockey team based in Winnipeg, are looking for players to participate in a recreational tour to Germany, Holland, and France next season. Dave Springett, team manager and organizer of the trip, is currently accepting applications from area players between the ages of 21 and 50 who want to experience a European hockey tour.

While team members are responsible for their own travel expenses, the club

provides uniforms and makes all the arrangements, leaving the players free to focus on the games. Players throughout Canada have participated in the past.

The team is filled on a first-come, first-serve basis and will play five no-contact exhibition games during the ten-day tour. All area players are welcome regardless of skill level and can get more information by calling Springett at 204-489-9228 or e-mailing him at dspring@escape.ca

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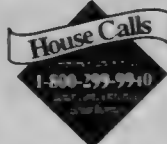
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Young Eagles flight 'great and scary'

□ *Pilot struggles to manually lower landing gear, adding to the adventure for first-time flyers and Echo reporter*

DIANA ZLOMISLIC

Staff Reporter

Two Young Eagles, participating in the free flights out of

Stanhope Airport last weekend, got more of an adventure rush than they planned on — taking an extra long flight as their pilot tried to manually crank down the landing gear after the twin engine craft's computerized system zonked out.

Upon touching ground, the young boys had mixed reactions.

"That was great," said an excited Joshua Dowdall of Omemee.

Jeffrey Phillips, a little more in touch with his mortality, admitted "That was scary."

For the Echo reporter joining them on their first flight, the ride was both — great and scary, in equal measure.

Pilot Hannu Halminen said a malfunction had occurred inside the landing gear motor.

Halminen calmly radioed the airport to request a fly-by. Since there's no way for him to tell if he had successfully lowered the landing gear by hand via a crank system behind his seat, he would have to fly over the airport for the groundworkers below to judge whether the gear was down.

Fly-over number one — no luck.

Halminen flew past the runway and circled around again, requesting another fly-by after cranking the gears a second time.

Still no luck.

Meanwhile, the Echo reporter was deciding if she'd rather crash in the bush or the lake. Trying not to alarm the boys in the back, she kept quiet and tried to maintain a look of indifference — even yawning a few times. But very much consumed by the unfolding events and the heat and feeling more than a little nauseous by this time, further restraint seemed impossible. She whispered a few telling words into her headset just in time for Halminen to find a little white paper bag between cranks. So much for subtlety.

Halminen flew over the airport once more and finally his efforts had paid off.

The passengers prepared for landing as Halminen aligned his

Beachcraft Baron B55 with the runway.

As the plane's wheels eased onto the asphalt, a ground controller in an orange vest and moustache, crossed himself in prayer and smiled.

Stanhope's airport manager, John Packer, met the quartet of flyers emerging from the craft.

Escorting Joshua and Jeffrey over to the stand where they'd receive their Young Eagle's certificates of participation, the pair look somewhat disoriented.

While 35 flights carrying 94 children took off Saturday, it is unlikely that any of them had an experience as memorable as the Omemee boys'.

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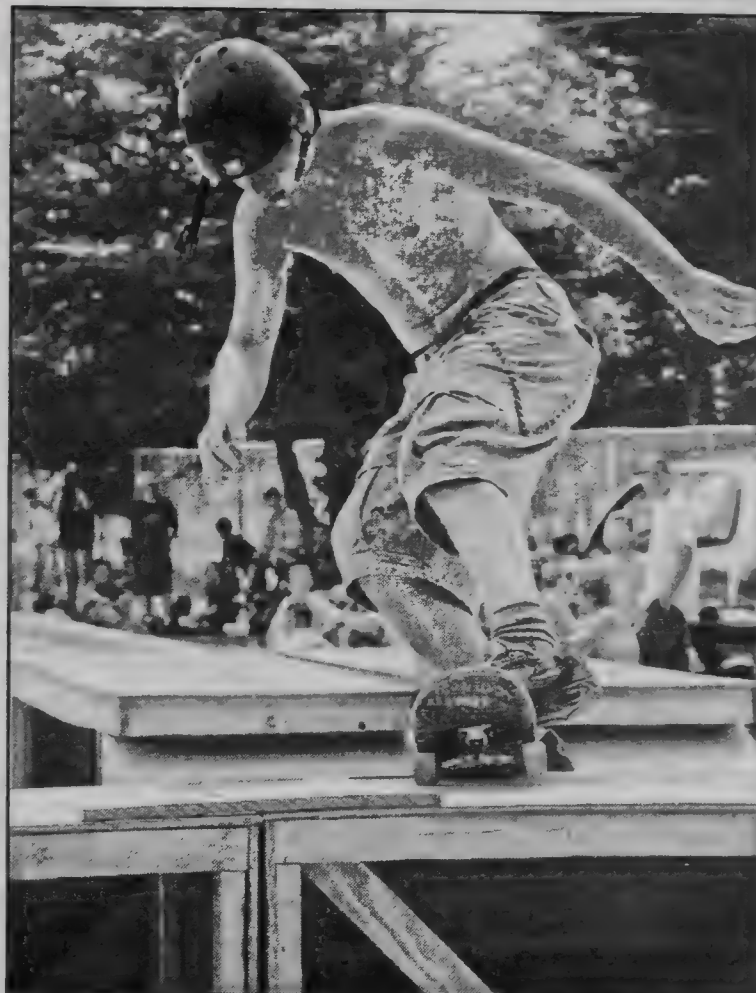
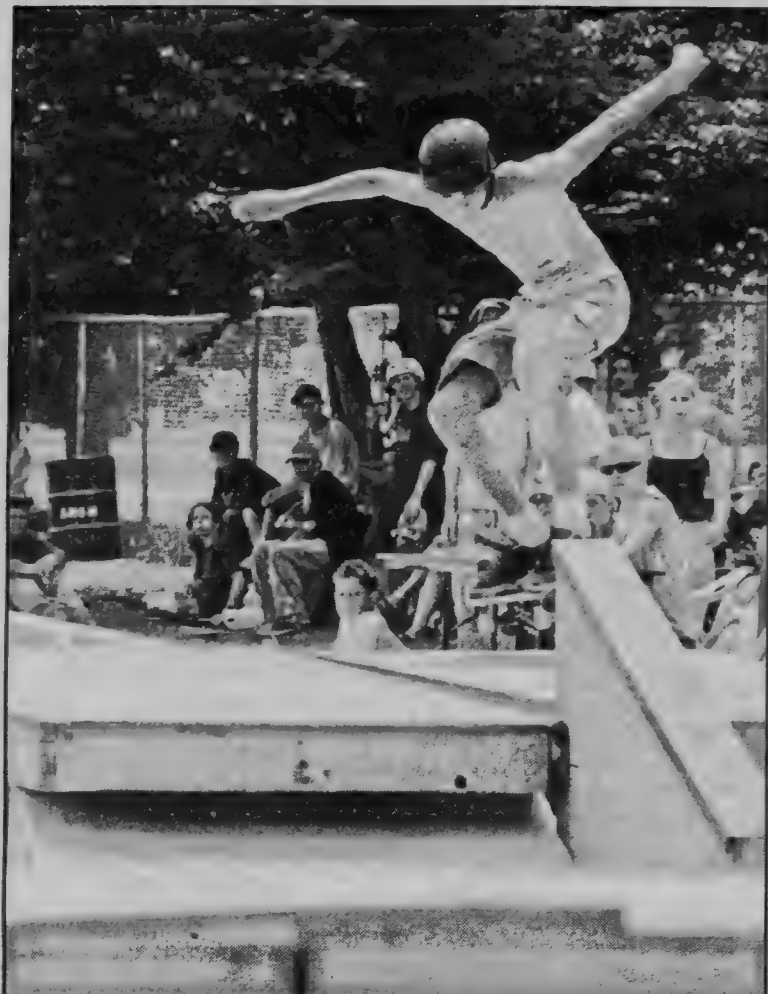
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Friends are the people who are there to pick you up when you fall down or just need a

hug. They are someone to talk to, complain with, laugh with and cry with. They are a buffer against stress and loneliness and are a sense of comfort in times of trouble.

If you have a good friend, do something nice for them today. Send flowers with a card just to say thanks for being there or just a card to let them know how much their friendship means to you. Never take for

granted a true friend because usually through your life there are only one or two.

Make someone feel special the way you like to feel and remember a friend is there if you need them so be there for them.

Recipe of the week Sesame-Garlic Dressing

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Elvin Johnson's 'boundless energy' made Stanhope better place**PETER DOWNS**

Staff Reporter

Stanhope is mourning the loss of a long-time politician who dedicated his "boundless energy" to making his community a better place to live for his neighbours.

Elvin Johnson, a member of Stanhope council for 14 years in the seventies and eighties, died early Sunday morning after a history of heart problems. He was 86.

Born and raised in Stanhope, Johnson earned his living as a self-employed contractor and spent much of his spare time involved in community service work.

Among his many accomplishments, Johnson is credited with

being the driving force in the creation of Stanhope's volunteer fire department in the early 1970s. He started the popular swimming program for children on Halls Lake at the park that now bears his name. His efforts were also integral in the restoration of the historic log chute on Big Hawk Lake.

Throughout his political career and his life, Johnson earned a reputation as an honest, hard-working man who had a knack for turning ideas into actions.

"He just seemed to get things done," said Jock Mavor, a former councillor and reeve who served on council with Johnson. "He was a person of tremendous energy. I don't think I knew another man

who could so regularly get 30 hours work done in a 24-hour day."

During the 1950s, Johnson was a trustee for a number of years on the former Stanhope School Board.

He continued his public service two decades later, serving as Stanhope councillor for 11 years between the years 1971 and 1985. He was elected as the municipality's deputy-reeve for a three-year term beginning in 1986.

Mavor sat on Stanhope council for the first of two terms during the three years Johnson was deputy-reeve.

"I guess he was a mentor in my fledgling days," he recalled. "He was a person with very positive

views. At the same time, he didn't force his views on you in a forceful way. He was very gentle."

Mavor also remembered the glint that always lit up Johnson's eyes and his humorous personality.

"During one of my first meetings I was a little late. I remember Elvin chided me about it in a very nice way. I think the words he used were, 'Time is our most precious resource. We can't borrow it. We can't lend it. But we can spend it wisely.'"

Stanhope clerk-administrator Gerald Bain started his job with the municipality the year before Johnson was first elected and worked very closely with him

throughout his political career.

"He was very dedicated, very sincere, very honest and very competent, as well," said Bain.

Despite his age, Johnson kept involved in the community. He was a member of the municipality's board of management, which looks after the maintenance of Stanhope's buildings and property.

"Two years ago when I needed signs for the walking trails, he got out his router and made the signs," said daughter-in-law Darlene Johnson.

She now oversees the swim program started years ago by her father-in-law.

Johnson had to be flown home from Florida in February because of his heart problems, but was still feeling relatively well, she explained.

"He was out to vote last week and went out in the car on Saturday to get some milk, but that night I guess he got too tired."

The funeral will be held today (Tuesday) at 2 p.m. Minden Bible Church.

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Growing together:

■ *Eco-tourism course plants the seed of learning; graduates now ready to transplant new-found skills in jobs around the world*

DIANA ZLOMISLIC

Staff Reporter

Handing out tiny boxed seedlings of trees to her fellow Sir Sandford Fleming Eco-Tourism graduates, class-elected valedictorian Kristin Whalen raised a few eyebrows in one part of her speech.

"There is no other group of people I would've sooner planted my seed with than the eco-tourism class of '99," Whalen said, from the bandshell at Head Lake.

When her audience realized her play-on-words, Whalen got the applause she was aiming for. Each seedling, she said, represents their own unique growing process.

Teacher Jim Blake introduced Whalen, explaining why he thought the Shannonville native was the perfect candidate to represent the graduates.

"As a teacher," he said, "she always made me feel like a welcome person in the class."

Whalen was among 36 students to complete the eight-month program operating from the college's Haliburton campus.

Barb Bolin, campus operations leader, said this class was particularly dedicated to their studies.

Special awards were given to Tanya Noseworthy and Keith Yarnell for top marks, Samantha Itani received the Quest Nature Tours Award, Gesa Haase, the Trish Wyman Award and Elizabeth Matthews took home

the Environmental Advisory Committee Award.

Bolin said student's decision was so intense that she would sometimes pop her head in a lab door at night to find students at work. "I'd have to say, 'Get a life, go home,'" she said jokingly.

Saturday's was the fifth Eco-Tourism class to graduate from SSFC since the campus introduced the program.



Valedictorian Kristin Whalen, above, gave each of her fellow grads a tiny boxed tree seedling as a memento.



The lakeside setting provided the perfect, if windy, graduation venue

then, it's received much acclaim, both nationally and internationally.

Master of Ceremonies and program co-coordinator, Al MacPherson, said visitors from Tanzania, the United States, South Africa and Alberta will tour the campus this month to learn more about the eco-tourism program, proving that such a concept is "very alive and well."

Having these two characteristics is a good sign for job opportunities.

A handful of graduating students weren't able to participate in the ceremony because they were already committed to field-related work in the prairie provinces.

The 1999 Ecotourism Management graduates from Sir

Sandford Fleming's Haliburton campus are:

Matthew James Binks, of Sudbury, Brenda Burns, of Haliburton, Tracy A. Campbell, of Fitzroy Harbour, Jessica Marie Carroll, of Peterborough, Tara-Lynn Cheeseman, of St. Catharines, Jennifer Lynne Dagger, of Haliburton, Shannon Heather Elliott, of Haileybury, Andrew James Forrest, of Thornhill, James Edward Franchetto, of Kingston, Kathleen Susanne Frazer, of Mississauga, James Garth Froats, of Lucan, Gesa Haase, of Haliburton, Tyler J. Hayes, of Riverview, New Brunswick, Jennifer Heim, of St. Catharines, Allison Marie Hildreth, of Almonte, Linda Suzanne Irving, of London, Samantha Leiko Itani, of Ottawa, Cindy

Klementi, of Kingston, Shannon Tyler Lawr, of Ariss, Elizabeth Anne Matthews, of Richmond Hill, Leslie Rose May, of Ajax, Angele Michaud, of Hastings, Glenn Morton, of Kingston, Jackie-Lynne Munroe, of Utterson, Tanya C. Noseworthy, of Cambridge, Kathryn Paldo, of Thunder Bay, Kerry Alison Pataran, of Stoney Creek, Kristian Arthur Puhvel, of Dollard-Des-Ormeaux, Quebec, Michelle Louise Robertson, of Orangeville, Andrew George Sauve, of Ottawa, Melanie Lynne Sedge, of Mississauga, Jennifer Christine Sipkens, of Sarnia, Darren Sullivan, of Brantford, Kristen Lynn Whalen, of Shannonville, Nicole Kendra Wilson, of Toronto, and Keith Andrew Yarnell, of Fenelon Falls.

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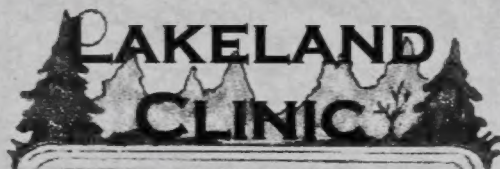
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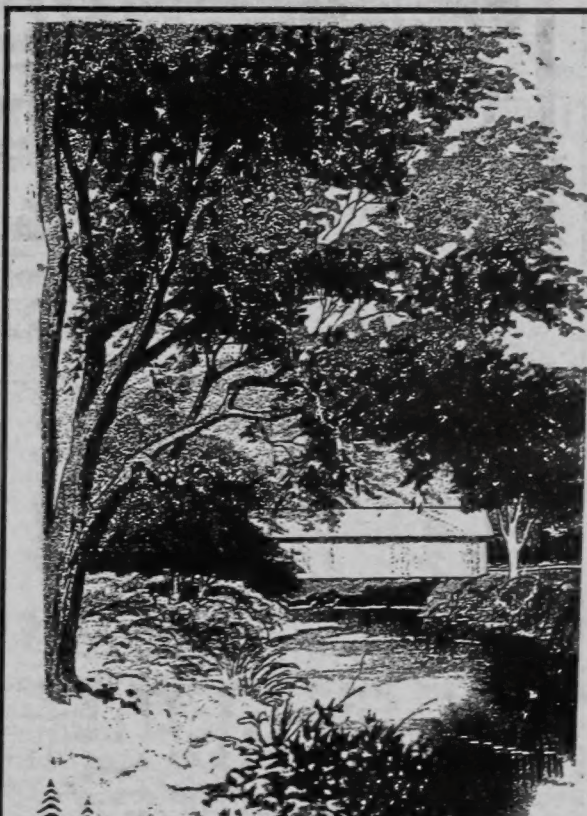


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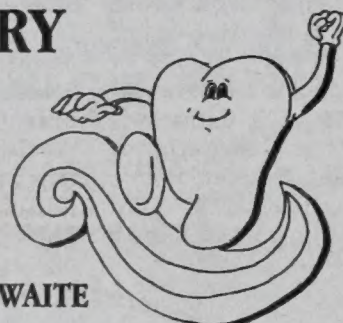
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A WEEK TO REMEMBER:

Still talking about their exciting week of study at Queen's University are, from left: front row: Martin Mulligan, Amy Pergolas, Tracy Tibbitts, Matt Wherry, Stacey Schell and Jenn Carpenter. Middle row: Kaija Silrala, Matt Reid, Micah Smith, Reagan Brown, Aaron Martin, Jenn Moore and Andrew Mansfield. Back row: Devin Ryan, Dan Morgan and Tom Bates.

A taste of university life:

■ Whether they were studying engineering or witchcraft in the Middle Ages at Queen's University, a group of HHSS students are thrilled by what awaits them

DIANA ZLOMISLIC
Staff Reporter

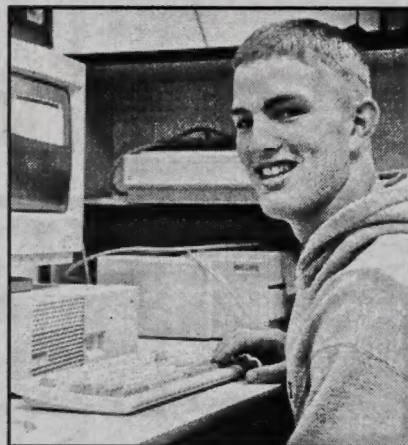
From 2,500 high school students across Canada, Haliburton's own Matt Reid, 18, was among 13 teens, and the only male, to win a scholarship towards a one-week program for the gifted and highly motivated, at Queen's University.

While he won't have to narrow down his post-secondary choices until next year, the Bell Canada Award recipient said taking university-level courses in his field of interest gave him some assurance that he's headed in the right direction.

A math and science buff, Reid said he plans to continue his education in computer- or electrical engineering.

"I want to help develop new technologies," he said.

Reid joined about 16 other Haliburton High students from



A SCHOLARY WIN:

Grade 12 student Matt Reid was one of 13 teenagers who won a scholarship to pay for his week at the Kingston university.

grades nine through OAC in a taste of campus life for seven days mid-May.

The majority of participants that

didn't receive scholarships paid \$395, including residence, tuition and supervision fees.

Students attended classes ranging from business to fine arts to engineering, and even a humanities course on witchcraft in the Middle Ages.

"This is the first time our board has done this," said Brenda Robinson, a teacher at Haliburton High School who co-ordinated the match-up.

"We were sent the information (from Queen's) and we're really keen to have the kids have this experience."

The experience, a program in its twelfth year now at the Kingston university also turned out to be a positive social affair, giving Haliburton students the chance to meet peers and potential pen pals from all over the place.

"One girl I met," said Amy Pergolas, 18, "lived in Oakville but has a cottage in Wilberforce."

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Nuisance bear kit causes more problems than it's worth

To the Editor:

I have read with great interest the problem bear story, and it amazes me how a group can fight so hard, and spend so much money and time to put an end to the spring bear hunt, and then turn completely around in their train of thought.

Having nothing against ethical humane hunting, I find it very difficult to understand the Schad Foundation and the (IFAW) International Fund for Animal Welfare's train of thought. Are all these people true vegetarians, or do they eat meat, fish or fowl? Because if they do, these animals and fish must also die in the slaughter houses or the fish market. They do not come to the dinner table by way of styrofoam and plastic wrap. Perhaps a tour of an abattoir might shed a different light.

Let's get back to the bears. Is the bear a problem? During their crusade to stop killing bear, Schad and the IFAW led readers to believe that they weren't the problem. The problem was those hunters. Now, right out of the blue, Schad and the IFAW are willing to spend \$200,000 on a kit to hand out to the public to, it's heard, keep someone from getting hurt or killed by a bear. The kit includes pyrotechnic devices, or explosives, to temporarily deafen the animal. Would the deafness be temporary or permanent? Would we have deaf bears roaming the countryside? How will they be able to hear their little cubs crying, or a vehicle coming down the road?

The next item in the kit is rubber bullets. I have been told that people have been killed by rubber bullets. Would they wound a bear or

take his eye out, and what happens with the wounded bear? Does this ensure that the bear will avoid humans now? Oh, we will let someone else worry about the bear, it will probably die anyway from the infection caused by the rubber bullet. Is this IFAW's humane way of dealing with problem bears? I guess this method is better than the one-shot humane way of those nasty hunters.

Next item in their kit is pepper spray. Now I understand that when using this product you are all up close and personal. I don't think this "wimp" would like to be

that close just in case the pepper spray does not work on this bear.

Last, but not least, are the lethal rounds of real bullets. Now we are getting down to the nitty gritty. We have exhausted all our resources. We have managed to deafen the bear, wound it with rubber bullets, and spray it with pepper spray. Still the mama bear and her two little cubs are still hanging around the cottage. Out comes the real bullets. Oh! What kind of gun do I need to shoot these bullets. I don't have an FAC, or a small game licence. I have never taken a gun safety course. I

don't know how to load or shoot a gun in the first place. Now what do I do?

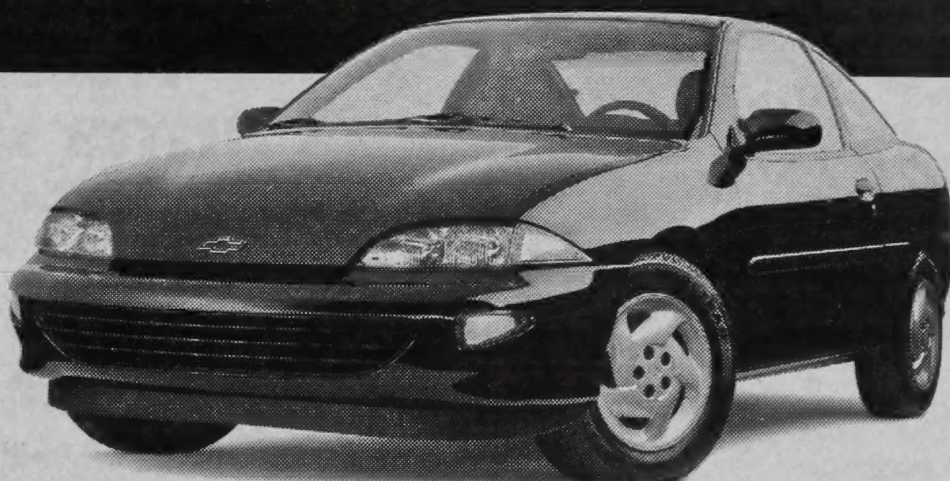
Well, I got this kit from the local municipal office. What ever happens I can always go to them for help. I am sure they could be held responsible if anything happens to me. Or maybe I had better call John Snobelen's office at the Ministry of Natural Resources and let him send out one of his predator control people because they know how and when to deal with problem bears. Oh darn! I understand that the MNR in most districts haven't the funds or the staff

to deal with the problem bears. Now what do I do! I am not going to call one of those bloody thirty, raw meat eating hunters to help me, no sir. Very likely he will know what he is doing because of all those years of experience.

I know what I will do, I'll call Mr. Schad and Rob Sinclair. After all, it was because of their efforts and their expert advice and animal knowledge that the government of Ontario stopped the bear hunt in the first place.

Bruce Sawyer,
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School vandalism hits sour note

To the Editor:

Last Tuesday, June 9, our daughter Rachael had her personal flute locked up in a classroom at J. D. Hodgson Elementary School. Sometime during the day a student got into the room and smashed the flute to pieces for unknown reasons to her.

The school sent it away to be repaired. Today, June 11, we were informed that the flute could not be repaired so would be replaced by a new one of equivalent quality by the school.

By all accounts the school has covered well over \$5,000 of this kind of damage to school and private belongings this past year. How long must it go on until the person or persons responsible for this damage is made to pay for it? We, the school taxpayers have had enough. But the law will not change him or make his parents responsible for any of his wrong-doings. Why?

Don Outram,
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